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Claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 23 were amended to delete the multiple dependency thereof, and new claims 25-36 have been added.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c), a clean copy of amended claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 23 is set forth in the present Amendment, and a marked-up version of the amended claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 23 is attached hereto. A marked-up copy of page 1 of the specification, showing the changes made, is also attached.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22 and 23 have been amended as follows:

4. (amended) The fastener according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the special thread ridges (422) comprise thread ridges obtained by subjecting common thread ridges to compressive deformation in a diametrical direction.

6. (amended) The fastener according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the special thread ridges (422) have a greater pitch (P2) than a pitch (P1) of a common thread ridge or a less pitch (P3) than the pitch (P1) of the common thread ridge.

8. (amended) The fastener according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the special thread ridges (422) comprise a thin layer of a special nylon resin formed on a common thread ridge (421).

9. (amended) The fastener according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the special thread ridges (422) comprise a common thread ridge formed of an elastic body. 5

11. (amended) The fastener according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the special thread ridges (422) are not provided and a part of thread ridges of a second thread (22) of the movable collar (20) or of a thread (31) of a torque transmitting nut (30) comprises thread ridges obtained by subjecting common thread ridges to compressive deformation in a diametrical direction.

13. (amended) The fastener according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the special thread ridges (422) are not provided and a part of thread ridges of a second thread (22) of the movable collar (20) or of a thread (31) of a torque transmitting nut (30) has a greater pitch (P2) than a pitch (P1) of a common thread ridge or a less pitch (P3) than the pitch (P1) of the common thread ridge.

15. (amended) The fastener according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the special thread ridges (422) are not provided and thread ridges of a second thread (22) of the movable collar (20) or of a thread (31) of a torque transmitting nut (30) is formed thereon with a thin layer of a special nylon resin.

16. (amended) The fastener according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the special thread ridges (422) are not provided and a part of thread ridges of a second thread (22) of the movable collar or of a thread (31) of a torque transmitting nut (30) comprises common thread ridges formed of an elastic body.

18. (amended) The fastener according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the special thread ridges (422) of the bolt (40) comprise thread ridges obtained by subjecting common thread ridges to compressive deformation in a diametrical direction, and said special thread ridges are additionally formed in either of the second thread (14) of the nut or the first thread (21) of the movable collar within a range over which they can be

threaded each other at the time of completion of clamping.

20. (amended) The fastener according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the special thread ridges (422) of the bolt (40) have a greater pitch (P2) than a pitch (P1) of a common thread ridge or a less pitch (P3) than the pitch (P1) of the common thread ridge, and said special thread ridges are additionally formed in either of the second thread (14) of the nut or the first thread (21) of the movable collar within a range over which they can be threaded each other at the time of completion of clamping.

22. (amended) The fastener according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the special thread ridges (422) comprise a thin layer of a special nylon resin formed on a common thread ridge (421), and said special thread ridges are additionally formed in either of the second thread (14) of the nut or the first thread (21) of the movable collar within a range over which they can be threaded each other at the time of completion of clamping.

23. (amended) The fastener according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein the special thread ridges (422) comprise a common thread ridge formed of an elastic body, and said special thread ridges are additionally formed in either of the second thread (14) of the nut or the first thread (21) of the movable collar within a range over which they can be threaded each other at the time of completion of clamping.